

1 AN ACT in relation to children.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5.25 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.25 new)

7 Sec. 5.25. Child on ventilator; discharge from hospital.

8 If (i) a child is medically ready to be discharged from a
9 hospital and is dependent upon a ventilator to support
10 breathing and (ii) the Department is responsible for placing
11 the child upon discharge from the hospital but cannot place
12 the child immediately upon discharge, with the result that
13 the child remains in the hospital pending placement, then
14 until the child is discharged in accordance with a placement
15 by the Department, the Department must continue to reimburse
16 the hospital for care provided to the child at the same rate
17 at which the Department reimburses the hospital for inpatient
18 services.

19 Section 10. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
20 adding Section 5-23 as follows:

21 (305 ILCS 5/5-23 new)

22 Sec. 5-23. Child on ventilator; discharge from hospital.

23 If (i) a child is medically ready to be discharged from a
24 hospital and is dependent upon a ventilator to support
25 breathing and (ii) the Department of Children and Family
26 Services is responsible for placing the child upon discharge
27 from the hospital but cannot place the child immediately upon
28 discharge, with the result that the child remains in the
29 hospital pending placement, then until the child is

1 discharged in accordance with a placement by the Department
2 of Children and Family Services, the Department of Public Aid
3 must continue to reimburse the hospital for care provided to
4 the child at the same rate at which the Department of Public
5 Aid reimburses the hospital for inpatient services.